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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents:

Applicant provides this Preliminary Amendment in response to the Final Rejection of October 20, 2008 in the above-named Application.

A listing of the claims begins at page #2 of this paper.

Remarks are provided starting at page #16 of this paper.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due to the Glenn Patent Group Deposit Account No. 07-1445, Customer No. 22862. Applicant considers this document to be filed in a timely manner.